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## **Bighorn Water Agency receives State Recognition**

SAN BERNARDINO-Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency was recognized with a resolution from the Board of Supervisors for their selection to receive the Clair A. Hill Water Agency Award for Excellence.

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) established the Clair A. Hill Water Agency Award for Excellence in 1988, to recognize innovation in managing and protecting our state's most precious resource. The award recognizes exemplary programs developed by ACWA member agencies. Award recipients are selected based on demonstrated success in creatively addressing water industry issues, commitment to water use efficiency and conservation, leadership in broad water-related issues, and excellence in agency management operations.

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency was selected for project completion of the Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program, which was done in partnership with the Mojave Water Agency.

The Ames project was a hallmark of local creativity and innovation as it aimed to develop a mutually cooperative arrangement for management in the Ames Groundwater Basin.

The award was presented during the annual ACWA Spring Conference & Exhibition in Sacramento, where more than 1,600 local water officials gathered for programs and panel discussions on a variety of key water issues. Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency was selected from among five finalists to receive the award.

"Bighorn-Desert View's program demonstrates that local water agencies can be leaders of innovation in the protection of a resource that is so valuable," said Chairman Ramos. "They have shown that there are creative ways to efficiently address water issues."

(Photo will be attached)

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